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## Roosevelt Center Concrete Work Done to Stabilize Soil

by Melissa Signorini



Workers break apart concrete slabs in front of the Mother and Child statue in Roosevelt Center on Monday, July 12.

Greenbelt Historic District's Roosevelt Center is getting a spruce-up this week as workers lay down new cement slabs. The work comes in an effort to clean up soil degradation which creates cavities in the soil. The degradation has accumulated over the years due to rain and possible drainage issues. The problem was discovered as workers cleaned the Mother and Child statue and

had to redo some of the concrete pieces surrounding the figure.

"The efforts are to remediate and stabilize the soils," said Brian Kim, Greenbelt Public Works assistant director. He said that the work will hopefully only be a little longer, but was unable to give a *concrete* finish date. "We're on the tail end of it," he added.

### Pool Opens: Reservations Not Required

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PHOTO BY AMY HANSEN

## Sylvia Lewis, Greenbelt's 2011 Outstanding Citizen

by Sandra A. Lange



Sylvia Lewis keeps track of the ads at the News Review.

Ten years ago, Sylvia Lewis earned the accolades of the Greenbelt community when she was named the 2011 Outstanding Citizen. At age 86, Sylvia still maintains a hectic pace which includes donating more than 14 gallons of blood over the course of many years. Sylvia modestly declares that blood is something easily given and greatly needed.

Sylvia, speaking in her distinctive British accent, recounts traveling to the United States in the mid-1950s to work as a mother's

helper for a family in Indianapolis. Sylvia was charged with the care of three young girls, along with cooking, cleaning and laundry for \$25 a week. Though the pay was low, she accomplished her dream of visiting many parts of the U.S.

Sylvia loved the friendliness of Americans and decided to stay in the Midwest after her contract with the family ended. With her London School of Economics

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PHOTO BY AMY HANSEN

## Shaymar Higgs' The Space To Expand at Beltway Plaza

by Melissa Sites

*Este artículo está disponible en español en nuestra página web [www.greenbeltnewsreview.com](http://www.greenbeltnewsreview.com).*

The Greenbelt community is bringing culture and new experiences to parts of the community that are typically underserved.

If you pass by the New Deal Café, you can see Shaymar

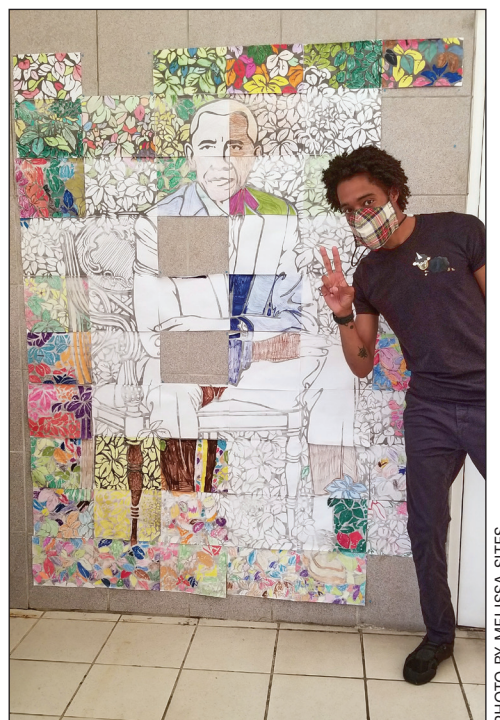
Higgs' artwork, including brightly painted acrylic panels and three-dimensional work, currently displayed in the windows. Higgs also has a show of embroidery appearing at the Whitman Walker clinic downtown D.C.

If you have been in Beltway Plaza Mall near the AMC Theatre, you might have noticed The Space: Free Art For All, a project initiated by Higgs nearly three years ago. The Space will soon be expanding to include a coffee lounge. His concept is to employ young people by giving them experience in making and serving pour-over coffee in a peaceful and relaxing community environment. The new Third Space will be a venue that is neither home nor work, but a community living room representing Black-owned, veteran-owned and disability-owned spaces while offering

coffee and conversation.

Higgs envisions a lounge where folks can meet new people, use the Wi-Fi and browse materials including Black-created

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The presidential portrait of Obama printed mosaic fashion so many people can color it in.

PHOTO BY MELISSA SITES



# Letters to the Editor

## Generosity Continues

Greenbelt's generosity is showing again! Since re-opening the GHI Member-to-Member Covid-19 Relief Fund for a third cycle to cover monthly co-op fees deferred by members experiencing Covid-related hardship, the community has contributed over \$18,000 for a total of over \$38,000. Thanks to everyone who donated, shared the fundraising link or spread the word for your commitment to cooperation and community. We survive hard times together.

To pay off the remaining deferred fees, we need just a little over \$7,000. If you can help, the link to donate is: [chuffed.org/project/ghi-relief-fund](http://chuffed.org/project/ghi-relief-fund). Some of us have discussed the idea of creating a permanent fund in GHI for members who might need financial assistance for a variety of reasons. This will require more people to plan and pull off! Email me at [cjnewc@igc.org](mailto:cjnewc@igc.org) if interested. Thanks again for your support. *Cynthia Newcomer*  
For the ad hoc member group

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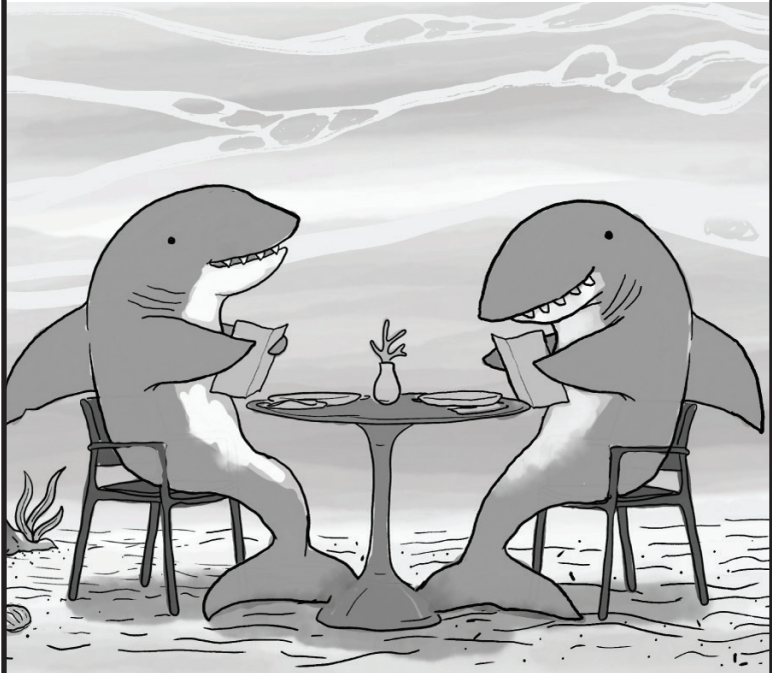


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## UMD Reporter

Melissa Signorini, a Maryland journalism major soon to graduate, is an intern writing for the News Review.

## Service or Garden Side?



I don't like preparing fish at home.

B. Glee

# Pool Greets Swimmers No More Reservations



PHOTO BY AMY HANSEN

Swimmers enjoy the cool water after the city opens the pool with no reservations required.

Just in time for the most recent heat wave, the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center fully reopened on Monday, July 12, welcoming swimmers without appointments. "We ended reservations yesterday," said Keshawn Dinkins at the front desk on Tuesday. "Seventy-five to 100 people came the first day." Lifeguard Otilie Wilcox was busy with excited swimmers. "A little too excited," she said with

a smile, keeping an eye on the pool. "They were pressing to get back in! I'm just happy to see everybody having fun." For hours of operation and other information, see [greenbeltmd.gov/government/departments-con-t/recreation-parks/greenbelt-aquatic-fitness-center](http://greenbeltmd.gov/government/departments-con-t/recreation-parks/greenbelt-aquatic-fitness-center).



PHOTO BY LESLEY KASH

Desk manager Keshawn Dinkins takes a break to look at the pool on July 13.

## Old Spring 2020 Newspapers Wanted

Are you sitting on a tidy little pile of historic newspapers from March through June 2020? Due to a pandemic snafu we let too many slip through our fingers. If you have some, please let us know and we can come get them. Even a few here and there would help us – because although we can print them out from online, it's just not the same. Email us at [editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com](mailto:editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com) or drop them through the News Review door slot in our office (it's to the left of the entrance to the Community Center nearest the Roosevelt Center.)



## Connecting Across Greenbelt

Connecting Across Greenbelt's (CAG) next event is a Forum on Public Safety to be held Thursday, July 22 at 7 p.m. on Zoom. Join in to hear from a panel of neighbors about what makes them feel safe or unsafe in Greenbelt. To find out about monthly meetings and the Community Conversations program, email [communityconnections@gb@gmail.com](mailto:communityconnections@gb@gmail.com).

## Three Sisters East Hosts Poetry Reading

The Three Sisters Garden East, located in Schrom Hills Park, will be the site of a poetry reading in the garden on Sunday, July 18 from 5 to 7 p.m. Visitors are invited to bring a favorite poem to share and to enjoy a relaxed tour of the garden.



Roda Abdul installs welcoming arches at the Three Sisters Garden East.



- Photos by Effie Levner



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Office is currently closed to the public. Please phone or email.  
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# Community Events

## At the Library

The Greenbelt Library is now open to the public, with hours Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Wednesdays from noon to 8 p.m.; and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sidewalk service for held books is available outside the upper-level entrance (pickup reservation required), or requested books can be picked up on the shelves inside the library, as before. Study rooms are open but meeting rooms remain closed.

Appointments for one hour of computer use can be made up to seven days in advance at [pgcmls.info/reopening](mailto:pgcmls.info/reopening) or 240-455-5451; some computers may be available with no appointments. The library is not accepting book donations for the foreseeable future but has a third-party book donation bin outside the lower-level entrance.

**Outdoor Dance Party**

On Saturday, July 17 at 10 a.m., the library takes its Bibliobop Dance Party, for ages 2 to 5, outside. Bust a move and shake the sillies out. Bring parents or caregivers for a chance to boogie and bop.

Register via [pgcmls.info/event/5228183](mailto:pgcmls.info/event/5228183) or by calling 240-455-5451 to show interest and to receive event updates. Participation is on a first-come, first-served basis. Capacity limits may apply. The event will be canceled or rescheduled in the case of inclement weather, not moved inside.

**Mobile Printing, Hotspots**

The library offers mobile printing to the public. The first 10 black and white pages are free. More information is available at [pgcmls.info/mobile-printing](mailto:pgcmls.info/mobile-printing).

Families can borrow mobile hotspot devices for up to nine weeks at a time. Adults ages 18 and older with library cards in good standing may request a SmartSpot through the curbside booking form. One device per household may be borrowed.

**Learning Resources**

Brainfuse HelpNow offers an array of additional learning resources for Prince Georgians, including SkillSurfer, a library of lessons, videos, tests and more, available year-round. The library also helps students prepare for standardized tests and writing college admissions essays through the EBSCO LearningExpress online resource. Check the PGC-MLS virtual events calendar regularly for related programming.

**Summer Reading**

The Washington Nationals and County Library System are partnering on Summer @ Your Library, a summer reading and library engagement program offered in English and Spanish for all ages. The 2021 theme is Tails and Tales. The program runs through Friday, August 20 and will be primarily offered online with select in-person events.

**Cicada Mania Crowns Labor Day Photo Show**

After 17 years, the Cicada Mania category is returning to the 2021 Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Photo Show. The Photo Show will definitely be happening, even if it ends up being only online again. Look for updates about the 2021 Festival with details on how to enter.

## Vax Scholarships

In an effort to encourage all Marylanders to protect themselves from Covid-19, the Maryland Higher Education Commission and the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) have set up a \$1 million VaxU Scholarship Promotion fund for vaccinated residents ages 12 to 17 to have a chance to win a college scholarship. The state is offering up to 20 scholarships around Maryland during nine statewide drawings. Those who win will receive a \$50,000 scholarship through a Prepaid College Trust or a College Investment Plan from the Maryland 529 plans. The funds will go toward covering the cost of tuition and fees for a four-year college or university. Students who have a registered Maryland address at the time of their vaccination and who get vaccinated in Maryland (not at federal locations) will be automatically entered in the promotion for a chance to win.

Two winners will be selected each week on Mondays starting on July 12 until September 6. On the last draw date, four winners will be selected. MDH will run the drawings, and every week a random generator will decide prize winners. Alternate winners will be selected in case original winners do not accept the prizes, are deemed ineligible or do not produce all necessary documentation and information to be validated as eligible.

For more information on eligibility and the promotion, visit the Maryland Higher VaxU Scholarship Promotion website. For all questions, email [VaxUScholarship.mhec@maryland.gov](mailto:VaxUScholarship.mhec@maryland.gov).

## County Schools Offer Free Summer Meals

Prince George’s County Public Schools (PGCPS) is operating its annual Summer Food Service Program through Wednesday, August 18. Grab and Go breakfast and lunch meal packages will be available on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 62 schools, including Greenbelt and Berwyn Heights Elementary Schools. Students attending in-school summer programs will receive breakfast and lunch.

Visit the PGCPS website for a complete list of school and library meal sites or find a nearby meal distribution site by visiting [MDsummerMeals.org](http://MDsummerMeals.org).

## Outdoor Meet-up For Visual Artists

The Greenbelt Recreation Arts program invites visual artists working in all media to meet outside the Community Center for a Virtual Art Share on Friday, July 16 at 7 p.m. Artists may also Zoom in if preferred.

The event is a casual, friendly forum intended for adults, no matter what their experience, and all are welcome. Artists are invited to bring one to three pieces to share and discuss. The program is free, but advance registration at [greenbeltmd.gov/arts](http://greenbeltmd.gov/arts) is required. Art Shares are held monthly.



## GCAN Presentation On Community Solar

Join the Greenbelt Climate Action Network on Wednesday, July 21 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. for a special presentation on Community Solar by Neighborhood Sun.

Community Solar is a state-run program that offers homeowners and renters all the environmental benefits of going solar with no costs, no panels, no cancellation fees and no switching energy suppliers while getting guaranteed savings every month on their utility bill.

Neighborhood Sun (NSun) can help reduce one’s carbon footprint by subscribing to a local community solar farm. It was founded by the former leader of Clean Currents, the area’s first exclusively green energy company, which brought together thousands of people, businesses and organizations to switch to wind and solar power. For them, solar is about creating strong communities. NSun is a B Corp, which means they are a certified social enterprise that meets rigorous standards of social and environmental performance, accountability and transparency.

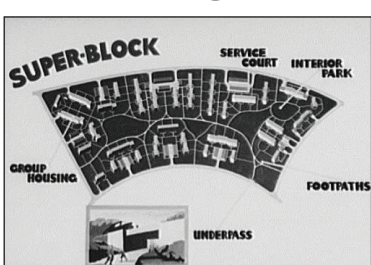
Join the meeting to learn more about how community solar works, its benefits and to see who is eligible to subscribe to one of their solar farms in Maryland. Current Solar Farms are Simba Solar (for Pepco-MD customers) and Friendship Solar (for BGE customers). For more information, visit [neighborhoodsun.solar/solarfarms](http://neighborhoodsun.solar/solarfarms).

The Zoom link will be available on [chears.org/gcan](http://chears.org/gcan). For more information, contact Lore Rosenthal, Greenbelt Climate Action Network, by email at [SimplicityGroupsMD@gmail.com](mailto:SimplicityGroupsMD@gmail.com) or phone 301-345-2234 (landline, no text).

## Betty Ladas Concert At Community Church

Enjoy local singer/songwriter Betty Ladas in concert on Sunday, July 18 at 11:30 a.m. on the shady lawn of the Greenbelt Community Church. Drawing from her years making music in New Orleans and Nashville, Ladas sets real life to music. Her wryly observant song stories cherish workaday people making what they can of life and its quandaries. Bring a chair, a friend and a cool drink and enjoy a relaxing, tuneful time out.

## Museum Offers Free Walking Tours



The Museum is celebrating its gradual reopening with a series of free, small, in-person walking tours. Nine people attended the tour on June 26 and 11 registered for a North End tour on July 10. The next tours are Saturday, July 24 and Saturday, August 7.

Pre-registration is required via Eventbrite, space is limited to allow social distancing and masks are recommended. Regular fees will resume in the fall.

## Time Bank Sees Post-Covid Uptick

After a dip in activities due to the pandemic, the Greenbelt Time Bank is starting to see an increase in requests and offers placed by members. This raises the question, what chores or talents have individuals put off requesting or offering during the pandemic?

The top exchanges made through the Time Bank from April through June 2021 were gardening, yard work, transportation, and arts and crafts. There were also multiple offers or requests for legal advice, cooking, construction and home repair.

There are many easy-to-do activities that have been deferred during the pandemic. Some tasks represent easy ways to earn or spend Time Bank hours. Pet sitting or dog walking, computer work, a bicycle in need of service, shopping for the homebound, decluttering or cleaning out a garage or attic space are among the tasks that individuals can offer or request through the Time Bank in addition to those mentioned above.

For members of the group, it is only a matter of placing a request or offer to the other members on the website. The Time Bank works on the simple premise of neighbors helping neighbors through an exchange of services. Training and an orientation are provided to all new members.

An orientation session will be scheduled soon, so anyone interested in becoming a member can register at [GreenbeltTimeBank.org](http://GreenbeltTimeBank.org). For interested individuals with questions, email [Greenbelt.Timebank@gmail.com](mailto:Greenbelt.Timebank@gmail.com) or call 240-473-3497 and leave a message.

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.



## Covid Vaccine Clinics For County Students

Students ages 12 and over may receive a free Covid-19 vaccine at mobile clinics run by the Prince George’s County Health Department. Clinics will be hosted at various high schools in the county, from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Parents or guardians are welcome, but not required, to accompany their child. All students must bring completed consent forms to be vaccinated. Consent forms are available on the Prince George’s County Public Schools website at [pgcps.org/coronavirus/pgcps-vaccination-plan](http://pgcps.org/coronavirus/pgcps-vaccination-plan).

The mobile clinics closest to Greenbelt will be held on Thursday, July 15, at Parkdale High School, 6001 Good Luck Road, Riverdale; Monday, July 26, at DuVal High School, 9880 Good Luck Road, Lanham; Friday, July 30, at Bowie High School, 15200 Annapolis Road, Bowie; and Friday, July 30, at High Point High School, 3601 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville.

## Porch Greenbelt July Food Pickup Dates

The Greenbelt collection date for front porch pickup for Boxwood Village this month is Sunday, July 18 from 2 to 5 p.m. A new area has been added to Porch – Laurel Hill Road – pickup on Saturday, July 24 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please place donations on the front porch in a box or bag labelled PORCH or RUAK. If the front porch is not visible from the road, place donations in a location that can be seen. Make sure to check the expiration dates on all food items.

Thanks to all the Greenbelt residents who have made donations and are making an important difference in the community. “If you can’t feed a hundred people, then just feed one,” said Mother Teresa.

Volunteers are welcome to expand Porch Greenbelt to additional neighborhoods in Greenbelt. Anyone with questions or who is interested in being a volunteer or starting a new neighborhood for monthly food collection with Porch Greenbelt, can email [Robert.Goldberg-Strassler@spreadruak@gmail.com](mailto:Robert.Goldberg-Strassler@spreadruak@gmail.com).



Greenbelt Access Television

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# New Free Little Art Gallery Is Product of the Pandemic

by Melissa Sites

During quarantine, 19 Court Ridge banded together. According to Philip Larkin, “During the lockdown we gathered regularly, even in the depths of winter, around fire pits and BBQs. A striking sense of shared community developed, and one of our neighbors began producing paintings for all of us.” Continuing in that spirit, Ginger Archibald decided to erect a Free Little Art Gallery that she calls Gallery 19, which opened on June 19.

## Free Little Art Gallery at 19-C Ridge Road

Archibald and her husband Brian have lived in Greenbelt since 2017. It was a lockdown project to order a kit, build and paint it. “I ended up buying a little free library kit, but I gave the plaque away on the buy nothing group. I didn’t register it as a library even though I paid the fee,” she said. Archibald was inspired by the number of Little Free Libraries located in Greenbelt, and had also read about a Free Little Art Gallery on Capitol Hill. Free Little Art Galleries have recently begun to spread across the country to make art accessible to all during a time when galleries and museums were closed due to the pandemic.

“We had our grand opening on June 19,” Archibald said. “My daughter Elizabeth, who is two and a half, cut the ribbon with toddler scissors.” Most of the contributions to the Gallery are from neighbors. Her instructions for using the Free Little Art Gallery are, “Just walk over and put something in. I would encourage people to take things they like because otherwise I’m going to need a tiny free storage facility.”

Archibald does not consider herself an artist, though her father paints in oil. “I like taking photographs and made a few mobiles” for the gallery, she said. She missed the times when she worked downtown near Gallery Place and had lunch at galleries. Now, new pieces of art appear in

the Gallery when her family is away. “When we were on vacation, there was a new piece from a friend who lives in the court. It’s exciting for kids to see their art in a place that looks like a gallery.”



PHOTOS BY GINGER ARCHIBALD

Contributions to the Gallery have included a clay balloon dog, origami crowns, small paintings and postcards that were blank with book covers drawn on one side. “My friend thought it would be entertaining to do book covers for a gallery that’s not a little library,” said Archibald. Even before the Gallery was installed, neighbor Larkin had fashioned an elephant out of wire and left it on the wooden post.

The Gallery is located at 19-C Ridge Road on the service side. “It’s lit up at night with a strip of LED lights; the box glows when you come by, so no one will miss the Gallery where art is freely available,” said Archibald.

# Greenbelt Church Partners With Bay Advocacy Group

by Carol Griffith

On June 28, the Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ, pledged to become a partner of the Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake (IPC), an advocacy group of faith communities located in the watershed of the Chesapeake Bay. The co-chairs of the church’s Green Team, Jane Young and Carol Griffith, accepted a poster proclaiming the partnership from Talya Kravitz, the congregation coordinator of the IPC. The church is now one of 66 faith communities in Maryland, Washington, D.C., and southern Pennsylvania that have become partners with the IPC.

The partnership pledge calls on faith communities to serve as good stewards of the land and waters of the Chesapeake, and to sustain the life and health of all creatures. Communities are asked to celebrate and respect the earth, demonstrate good stewardship in managing their land and facilities and engage members of their community in the work of caring for the environment and promoting policies that protect natural resources for generations to come.

One of the IPC’s programs is the One Water Partnership, a regionally based collaboration of faith communities, environmental organizations and government agencies throughout the Chesapeake Bay watershed that works to restore the waterways in local communities. The IPC also trains Green Teams in their partner congregations to assist them in leading their congregations in the IPC’s work. Advocacy for changing public policy to benefit the watershed is another prong of the IPC’s programming.



From left, Jane Young, Talya Kravitz and Carol Griffith at Greenbelt Community Church

PHOTO BY JO-ANNE FOURNIER

Greenbelt Community Church has greatly benefited by the work of the IPC. In 2017, a 500-gallon-capacity cistern was installed by the Anacostia Riverkeeper through an IPC grant program. The cistern captures stormwater runoff from the church roof, allowing the water to be used in dry periods for the flower gardens

and grounds. In 2018, the IPC assisted the church in applying for a grant through the county’s Alternative Compliance program through which the county installed a rain garden. The rain garden functions as a stormwater management device. It slows the rush of stormwater so some can be absorbed into the ground, lessening the amount running into the Anacostia River, and removes pollutants from the stormwater by filtering the water through absorbent soils in the base of the rain garden.



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Rev. Lynn Strauss

Zoom video at <https://zoom.us/j/93495780708>

with Worship Associate John Barr

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# City Information & Events

The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate all people. By sharing together all are enriched. We strive to be a respectful, welcoming community that is open, accessible, safe and fair.

## VIRTUAL MEETINGS FOR JULY 19-JULY 23

Monday, July 19 at 8:00 pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION w/ Greenbelt East Advisory Coalition (GEAC)**

Wednesday, July 21 at 7:30 pm, **ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD**, *On the Agenda Formalizing APB's report on the Beltway Plaza Phase 1 Detailed Site Plan*

Wednesday, July 21 at 7:30 pm, **PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**

Wednesday, July 21 at 8:00 pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION w/ Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI)**

Thursday, July 22 at 7:00 pm, **Green Team/APB (EVIPG)**  
*Virtual meeting will be shown on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 996, and at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv)*

Thursday, July 22 at 7:00 pm, **FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD**  
*In advance, the hearing impaired are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 to submit your questions/comments or contact the City Clerk at (301) 474-8000 or email [banderson@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:banderson@greenbeltmd.gov).*

*This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.*

*For information on public participation for the virtual meetings above, visit the meetings calendar at [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov).*

## GREENBELT PRESCHOOL PROGRAM MOM'S MORNING OUT Ages 3-5



Greenbelt Recreation has provided a licensed preschool program for over thirty years. The fall program will return on site five days a week at the Greenbelt Youth Center. We will offer a traditional preschool program that provides activities that encourage social development, beginning reading, math and science curriculum, fine and gross motor skills, all while encouraging lots of fun with peers. Student registration packet due before the first day of class.

Instructors: Gaye Houchens and Shelley Cooper

**Ages 4-5**  
Registration # 427503-2  
M/W/F 9:00am-1:00pm/Youth Center  
Classes: Sept. 13-Dec. 17 (No class: 11/22, 11/24, 11/26)  
Residents of Greenbelt: \$897; Non-Residents: \$1053

**Ages 3-4**  
Registration # 427503-1  
Tu/Th 9:00am-12:00pm/Youth Center  
Classes: Sept. 14-Dec. 16  
(No class: 11/11, 11/23, 11/25)  
Residents of Greenbelt: \$432; Non-Residents: \$507

\*Director may approve attendance for all 5 days\*

Please call 301-397-2200 to receive an email or phone call from our Preschool Director for more details. Registration is ongoing, so sign up soon to reserve your spot.

### Prince George's County Rent Help

The county's 2021 Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) will help eligible applicants with payment assistance for rent and utilities.

To apply and for more information visit [hcd.mypgc.us](http://hcd.mypgc.us) and click "Emergency Rental Assistance Program."  
You may also contact Greenbelt CARES at [cares@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:cares@greenbeltmd.gov) with questions or for further resources.

## Want to make a difference?

The following committees & boards have vacancies:

- **Advisory Committee on Education**
- **Arts Advisory Board**
- **Forest Preserve Advisory Board**
- **Park and Recreation Advisory Board**
- **Senior Citizens Advisory Committee**
- **Youth Advisory Committee**

For more information visit [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov) or call 301-474-8000.



## Firefly Viewing

Come to the Greenbelt Firefly Sanctuary and watch the beautiful, mystical fireflies put on their annual show. Bring a camp chair and relax under the stars.

Saturday, July 17, anytime from 10 pm-11:30 pm

Learn about fireflies and their habitats from a Sanctuary Committee member.

The Sanctuary is located in the Stream Valley Park. To get there, park in the St. Hugh's School parking lot, walk across Crescent Road (push the button for the pedestrian-crossing light first, for visibility). Follow the lighted path up to the Sanctuary. Or enter the path from the opposite direction, through the pedestrian tunnel under Hillside Road, which is lighted.

Water will be available.



## POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS FORUM

Sunday, July 18, 10:00 - 11:30 AM

MEMBERS OF THE POLICE WILL JOIN THE JULY 8TH SESSION

**WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!**  
Join us for facilitated sessions and share your thoughts about the relationship between the community and the Greenbelt Police. Hosted by the City of Greenbelt's Community Relations Advisory Board (CRAB). All are welcome.

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# Council Hears Greenbelt Museum Renovation Plans

by Matthew Arbach

The Greenbelt Museum is moving forward with its plans to renovate the property at 10-A Crescent Road with the goal of creating a new, state-of-the-art facility along with the adjoining Museum house at 10-B. This would consolidate the museum itself with offices and archives, now housed at the Community Center. On July 7, the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum (FOGM) along with Old Line Architects’ Chris Weston, presented their plans to the Greenbelt City Council in deference to the city’s ownership of perpetual use rights to the properties, from their purchase of 10-A from Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) in 2016.

Greenbelt Museum Director Megan Searing Young began by saying that pre-registered summer tours have been going on, along with virtual tours, lecture series and online programs. She expects a return to more normal operations in the fall.

### Mission Statement

Jennifer Ruffner, former president of FOGM, presented the first ever mission statement for FOGM. It states that FOGM is there “to support, advise and advocate for the Greenbelt Museum and its programs.” Through “focused fundraising initiatives,” FOGM takes “an active role in the stewardship of the Museum’s buildings, collections and grounds, by providing expert advice and informed advocacy.”

### New Layout

The first floor of 10-A will have a learning lab, multipurpose room and an exhibit space. The second floor will have an archive room, staff offices and a staff restroom. If the plans are approved, the current addition to 10-A will be replaced and made into an accessible entrance, an admissions area, a gift shop and two restrooms, one of which is ADA accessible. The garage will be used for storage.

Weston informed council that the goal is to implement a “sympathetic” approach to the design of the entire facility in order to recall how it would have looked in 1937. This would include complete removal of the existing siding and shutters and a retention of the garden side, itself synonymous with the founding vision of Greenbelt.

Searing Young said that the pre-pandemic, overall cost estimate of the construction was around \$550,000, but noted that, with the current rising costs of building materials, that estimate may increase. So far, FOGM has raised \$300,000 through its quiet fundraising phase, with a more public and “robust” phase to occur at the end of the year.

### Mini-Splits?

Councilmembers Rodney Roberts and Edward Putens expressed concern over the choice of mini-split HVAC units at the facility, citing the propensity for mold that exists in GHI homes which use this system as well. Roberts advised using a boiler and radiator system for greater efficiency, emphasizing that this was



Greenbelt Museum, 10 A-B Crescent Road

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more in keeping with the historic approach of the project. In a separate interview, Searing Young said that the mini-split system was chosen in order to adhere to GHI standards and that “a standard central air conditioning unit would have required duct work, a noisy air return and probably significant loss of closet space.”

While the plans are in compliance with GHI building standards, council expressed concern that the plans might require alteration due to the upcoming changes in county zoning regulations. Searing Young indicated later that the proposed zoning states that an addition “may not be larger than 40 percent of the original dwelling.” The proposed addition is 49.9 percent of the original dwelling. She and FOGM are set to consult with Weston on “the ramifications of possibly reducing the size of the addition by 9.9 percent in case it’s determined that we need to conform to the proposed regulations.”

### New MOU

FOGM has been at work on a new memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the city. According to a 2020 memo to City Manager Nicole Ard, FOGM indicated that the existing MOU “has significantly blurred lines of responsibilities” concerning

things like staffing and programming. A staff issue that was cited as an example was the fact that the city employs the museum director, while FOGM employs the volunteer and education coordinator and operations manager. The memo also notes that the evolution of the Museum has brought about essential elements that were not present at the time of the original MOU.

In a subsequent interview with Searing Young, she noted that council had approved the education/volunteer coordinator becoming a part-time city employee. The position is primarily supported by interest from a National Endowment for the Humanities grant to FOGM in 2007, which will be transferred to the city from FOGM annually. In addition, income generated from the gift shop sales now go to the city, rather than FOGM. According to the memo, “going forward, clear delineation of roles is essential to the success of the Museum and its programs.”

With a new MOU that will include the budgetary changes from Fiscal Year 2021, FOGM looks to “a future Museum that has increased staffing sustained by city support and that receives facilities maintenance, IT equipment and other city services.”

FOGM is now engaging the neighbors around 10-A Crescent Road to ascertain their concerns about the new addition as part of GHI’s neighbor consent policy. This will include a public forum.

Following adoption of the plans by council, the project will enter a permitting phase with both GHI and the county.

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but people of all walks of life have found solace and created something they were proud of. In Black homes, art can be so out of reach. We’re providing people with these tools to help people make art that they’ve created and that they can be proud of.”

The Free Market at The Space provides a place where people can drop off items and other people can find things they need for free. One woman who found clothes at the Free Market, said, “I came to America in November and I’m finally getting clothes.” After that she came back regularly to donate.

### Mall Meditation

The mall spot adjacent to The Space was developed as a meditation room, and this room is now open as well under Higgs’ oversight, for guided meditations and peaceful contemplation. The room offers an opportunity for “getting youth into meditation with recorded and private meditations, to help people wherever they are and provide resources to help them become more authentic versions of themselves,” Higgs said. He recounted how one young man said, “I’m a thug in the streets but here I am enjoying meditation.” The meditation rooms offer a place for slowing the brain and body down, to find calm and comfort.

### Beltway Plaza Kudos

Higgs has built a good working relationship with the management at Beltway Plaza Mall, where he faithfully attends the monthly merchants meeting. He said, “The mall management has been very helpful to the merchants during the pandemic.” He also noted that, “The pandemic has forced everyone to really sit with themselves and realize they felt depression for the first time. At the end of the day we’re all human, when we put these problems behind doors, no one heals.”

### Juneteenth art display

comic books and a graphic novel section in partnership with the Prince George’s County Memorial Library System. The Third Space will provide work experience for young people in a setting where their dignity is respected.

As the new arts coordinator for the New Deal, Higgs hopes to organize field trips for his new young employees to show them “what a professional kitchen looks like, and get them out of their current environment to see what is out there.” Higgs’ artworks on display at the New Deal are for sale to raise funds for projects at Beltway Plaza because, although The Space is provided by Beltway Plaza free of charge as a public service, to keep it running donations are always required.

### Pandemic Help

Even through the pandemic, The Space has distributed 600 art kits free for the asking. Through The Space, Higgs and his team of volunteers provide materials, inspiration, a physical space to do art and an overflowing spirit of positivity, creativity and determination to change things for the better in the community. He noted, “Someone might say, ‘I’ve never made anything in my life,’

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# New Senior Hires Take Up City Administrative Roles

by Melissa Signorini

The City of Greenbelt is welcoming two new city hires this month. Tim George joins the city as assistant city manager, while Dawane Martinez comes on board as the city’s director of human resources.



Assistant City Manager Tim George

George has 20 years of economic development consulting under his belt, in addition to experience in city administration. He has worked with communities big and small throughout the nation over the course of his career. Some of his past work includes resource assessment, financial strategizing and economic impact assessment. Additionally, he has experience in areas such as market analysis, target industry assessment and real estate advising. He previously worked for the City of New Carrollton for nearly five years as an assistant city administrative officer. He has a

degree from Randolph-Macon College and a master’s degree from Virginia Commonwealth University.



Director of Human Resources Dawane Martinez

Martinez’ past work experience includes being a human resources leader with Fortune 500 companies, where he supported more than 1,000 employees. His skills include team leadership, recruiting and labor relations. His role includes oversight of all employer-employee relations, including employee engagement, training and leadership development.

Martinez worked previously as a human resources manager for EngenderHealth and KeHe Distributors, among others. He has degrees from Thomas Edison State University, Southern Illinois University and an MBA from Indiana Wesleyan University.

# Reel and Meal Misdemeanor Film Is Racially Charged

by Frank Gervasi

On Monday, July 19, online at 7 p.m. the Reel and Meal at the New Deal Café presents Racially Charged: America’s Misdemeanor Problem by Robert Greenwald and Brave New Films. George Floyd was killed after being arrested for suspicion of using a counterfeit \$20 bill. Eric Garner died for selling a single cigarette without a tax stamp. The film shows how arrests for such low-level offenses are disproportionately carried out against African Americans and often turn violent or deadly. Racially Charged exposes the system that punishes over 13 million people a year – most of them poor and people of color. The film also depicts how Southern states repurposed their misde-

meanor system to control Black people after the Civil War. Misdemeanors became a backdoor form of slavery. Screening begins at 7 p.m. via Zoom and entry starts at 6:45 p.m. The program is free but advance registration is required at [tinyurl.com/ReelMealJuly](https://tinyurl.com/ReelMealJuly). The film trailer can be viewed at [misdemeanorfilm.org](https://misdemeanorfilm.org). This event is hosted by the Utopia Film Festival. For more information call Frank Gervasi at 301-467-2418. Co-op Supermarket offers a special vegan meal for sale that evening. Cashew carbonara, vegan Italian sausage and a side salad are available for purchase. Call the deli at 301-474-0522 to order.



Turtles sun themselves in the pond on Hanover Parkway at Ora Glen.

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certification in Social Work and Public Administration, she got a job as an intake worker with Family Services. She joined the Indianapolis Unitarian Church where she met Robert Lewis, a Methodist minister working for Goodwill Industries. At the time, Robert was visiting “oddball” churches, she remarked. They both sang in the choir. They fell in love and married. A job change for Robert brought them to Hagerstown where their daughter Janet was born in 1960. Robert was invited to become the minister for the River Road Unitarian Church in 1961. Their son, Drew, was born in 1962. In 1968 Robert went back to school to pursue a PhD degree in psychology, and the family then moved to Greenbelt. Sylvia, who had assumed the traditional roles of wife and mother, went to work for the American Red Cross, first as director of youth services, then as executive director of the Prince George’s

County chapter. She retired in 1995, and plunged into her next career as a community volunteer. She became a vocal force in Greenbelt Homes, Inc., serving as treasurer and later board president. She tutored at the Greenbelt Elementary School which she enjoyed, in part because she could keep up with many of the subjects her granddaughter was studying. She initiated and ran Bike for Breast Cancer for two years and acted in a Greenbelt Arts Center play. She was a founding member of the Greenbelt Community Foundation, serving as its board president. She was a docent for the Greenbelt Museum, a member of the Greenbelt Cooperative Alliance, secretary of the Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club and treasurer for Emmett Jordan’s first two campaigns for city council. Sylvia is quick to point out that she didn’t do all of these jobs at the same time. In 2012 she joined the staff of the Green-

belt News Review and you can still find her on Mondays and Tuesdays at the Ad Desk. She says it is time, though, to train her replacement at the News Review. Currently, Sylvia spends most of her time caring for Robert who suffers from dementia. She is planning a 90th birthday celebration for him later this month. She also looks forward to traveling to visit her new great-grandchild. Like Sylvia Lewis, there are many Greenbelt citizens who are performing jobs that benefit our community and are worthy of the title of Outstanding Citizen. Both individuals and groups can still nominate someone by the deadline of Monday, August 2. Submit a letter outlining the accomplishments of your nominee and send it to Robert Zugby, Chair, Outstanding Citizen Committee, 94 Ridge Road, Greenbelt 20770 or email [Outstandingcitizengh@gmail.com](mailto:Outstandingcitizengh@gmail.com).

# A Bit More Peace

In a world where many of us often attempt to do more, do it better and do it more quickly, the Mishkan Torah Sisterhood has quietly offered summer guided meditation classes to Greenbelters for the past six years. Although the synagogue itself is a wonderful peaceful setting that is welcoming to all, meditation this year will be offered via Zoom and anyone can attend from the comfort of their own home. Class sizes have ranged from eight to 19 people, from teenagers to senior citizens. Class participants have described feeling more peaceful, serene, relaxed and mindful, both during and between classes. Many individuals have experienced a greater ease falling asleep and more patience during challenging times. A difference has been made in many people’s lives when utilizing meditation practices that teach one to slow down, become quiet, go within and experience a bit more peace. Summer classes started on June 21 and will continue from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. every other Monday through September 13. For more information email Katrina Boverman at [Katrinaboverman@yahoo.com](mailto:Katrinaboverman@yahoo.com) or call her at 301-641-1035.

# Donate Sneakers

The Board of Congregational Life at Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ (GCC) is collecting athletic shoes by partnering with GotSneakers. This sneaker recycling program helps to keep sneakers out of landfills, which has harmful effects on the environment, and will send the sneakers to countries where the poor often go barefoot out of necessity. For more information about GotSneakers, go to their website at [GotSneakers.com](https://GotSneakers.com). A donation box for sneakers will be placed outside the Fellowship Center, the small building behind the church, for people to drop off sneakers at any time. GotSneakers will pay GCC a varying amount for name-brand and off-brand laced-up sneakers with no tears inside or outside. The company even pays for cleaning and shipping – all GCC does is collect sneakers.

NOMINATION FORM

Greenbelt’s Outstanding Citizen

Submit this form by August 2, 2021, to: Bob Zugby, Chair  
Outstanding Citizen Committee  
94 Ridge Road; Greenbelt, MD 20770  
or [outstandingcitizengb@gmail.com](mailto:outstandingcitizengb@gmail.com)

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Attach a statement (preferably printed or typed), which explains why this nominee deserves recognition as Greenbelt’s Outstanding Citizen. Possible subjects include a list of organizations or activities in which the nominee has participated, including length of time, specific accomplishments during period of service, the impact on Greenbelt or on people within the City, and personal qualities which make the nominee special. Award is for volunteer (unpaid) work only. Supporting printed material is useful to the Committee but is not required. Testimonials by others as to the person’s good works will be helpful.

You may be contacted for additional information. If you prefer, send this form now and complete the statement later. The form and any additional information must be received no later than the **August 2nd** deadline.

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# Kinder Camp Engages Kids In Fun, Enriching Activities

by Melissa Signorini



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Kinder Camp campers enjoy some exercise outside around the nursery school’s playground.

At Greenbelt Recreation Kinder Camp, laughs of excitement can be heard coming from the children’s playground during the week. With camp fully underway, kids aged 3 to 5 can take part in this exciting and educational summer camp program at the Community Center. Walks around Greenbelt, use of the nursery school at the Community Center playground and visits with park rangers are some of the fun activities Kinder Camp offers. “It just goes beyond your everyday summer camp to really provide a well-rounded experience for the campers,” said Rose Commins, Community Center coordinator and Kinder Camp’s new coordinator.

Camp is in session now through August 13, with sessions running for two weeks at a time. Groups are separated by age, and every group has two counselors and an intern staff member to work with the kids. Each week has its own theme, in which campers are immersed in different kinds of arts and crafts relating to the theme. This week’s theme is Under the Sea, an idea that camp counselors use to come up with their own activities for their groups. Counselors carefully choose crafts that will be relevant to each age group they are leading, and make sure there are new activities every day so that campers who choose to stay for multiple sessions never do the same craft twice. “The staff here does a great job to provide truly enriching activities that are very appropriate for the age group that we’re serving,” said Commins.

Many members of the staff have educational experience teaching children, and high school interns join in to gain experience working with kids. High school teacher José Romero joins Kinder Camp this year for his first summer. He said of his passion for working with kids, “One of my favorite things is that no matter what we plan or no matter what we have in store for them, they’re ready to do it.”

When camp is done for the day, camp counselors stay back to sanitize all of the materials used throughout the day by campers, the playground and inside surfaces. Lastly, they spend time planning activities for the following few days of camp.

Teresa Trozzo, or the “craft queen,” as Commins calls her, is Kinder Camp’s manager. She, along with group counselors, plans appropriate and fun crafts for every age group. Trozzo cre-

ates activities specifically geared toward an appropriate level for each group. The camp’s oldest group of 5-year-olds is learning preparation skills to get them ready for kindergarten. She says that because of the pandemic, many children have missed out on gathering essential school skills. “Since Covid was last year, a lot of the kids’ fine motor skills are not completely there yet because they didn’t have to hold a pencil or they didn’t have to hold a crayon. Just working with them on those little things has been really good for them,” she said.

There are two sessions of Kinder Camp remaining for the Summer 2021 period: July 19 through 30 and August 2 through 13. While sessions have run for full days in summers past, this year camp runs from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Other activities for campers include music, games, yoga and other physical activities. For more information on Kinder Camp and other camps run by Greenbelt Recreation, call 301-397-2208 or go to Summer Camps 2021 on the Virtual Recreation Center on the city website.



Camp Manager Teresa Trozzo, left, and Camp Coordinator Rose Commins



Campers in the youngest age group cool down in the shade with counselor Nadia Constanza during outdoor play.

- Photos by Melissa Signorini

# Forest Preserve Science Fund Now Open to Applicants

by Donna Hoffmeister

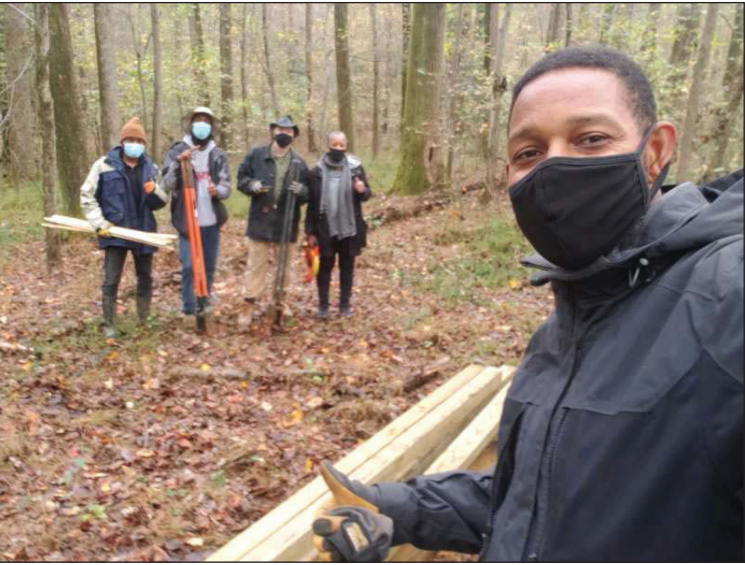


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Members of the Green Mechanics pause for a picture. Shown from left are Larry X. Davis, Justan Randolph, Peter I. May, Kelly Fleming and Michael Carmichael.

In 2018, the Greenbelt City Council created a Science Fund of \$2,000 to be budgeted each year for ecological or historical research that would help the city better understand and manage the Forest Preserve. The 255 acres of forested land owned by the city was established in 2003, to be “preserved in a natural state for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations.” Science projects might entail studying the forest over time; surveying vegetation, animal populations or stream life; mapping invasive species; reviewing historical documents about previous land use within the Preserve; studying the impact of adjacent land use on the Preserve; or even surveying the concerns of Greenbelt residents. Anyone may apply.

The first funds were awarded to the Greenbelt firm Green Mechanics Benefit LLC to study how deer browsing impacts the growth of herbaceous plants, shrubs and trees. In March 2021, Green Mechanics – whose mem-

bers include Larry Davis, Justan Randolph, Peter May and Kelly Fleming – built three paired experimental plots in the North Woods and Hamilton Woods Tracts, one fenced for keeping the deer out and one without a fence. Green Mechanics is monitoring these plots for three years and will submit a report on their findings at the end of each growing season. The rationale for their study was that since the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center actively manages its deer population, deer find a refuge in Greenbelt’s Preserve. If the study finds a significant increase in the number of germinating plants in the fenced-in plots, the city might want to take similar measures to help protect the forest from the deer, according to the Green Mechanics application.

To get an application form for this year’s fund, send an email to [forestpreserve@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:forestpreserve@greenbeltmd.gov). The deadline for a completed application is September 30.



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# Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, [www.greenbeltmd.gov/police](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police)  
Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

**Sexual Assault**  
July 5, 8:21 p.m., 7810 Walker Drive. A man entered the Hilton Garden Inn and assaulted two employees. He was arrested at the scene.

**Robbery**  
July 4, 7:01 p.m., 6006 Springhill Drive. Five men approached a man, threatened physical violence and demanded his cell phone.

July 4, 11:29 p.m., Ivy Lane at Hedgewood Drive. Five men approached and assaulted a person and then stole his cell phone.

July 7, 3:54 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road rear parking lot. Five men approached two people, physically assaulted them and tried to steal their cell phones.

**Theft**  
July 2, 12:27 p.m., 73 Court Ridge Road. Mail was taken from a mailbox.

July 3, 8:15 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A purse was taken from Laundro-Land Laundromat.

**Burglary**  
July 3, 1:58 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane. A burglary was reported.

July 5, 7 a.m., 7702 Hanover Parkway. An unoccupied resi-

dence was entered and items were taken.

July 6, 11:37 a.m., 6500 Springcrest Drive. An unoccupied residence was entered and items were taken.

**Vehicle Crime**  
Two vehicles were stolen. A black GMC Denali was taken from 7200 block Mathew Street on June 30 and a 2005 gray Nissan Armada with Maryland tags 5CB9496 was taken from 147 Westway on July 7.

Maryland tags 2DZ3607 were taken on July 4, in the 8000 block Craddock Road.

Windows on three vehicles were broken to allow access to items inside. In the 6100 block Greenbelt Road unspecified items were taken from a 2011 gray Audi A8 on July 3; money was taken from the center console of a blue Nissan Sentra on July 7; and personal items from a Kia Optima, also on July 7.

Vandalism was reported at two locations. At 6009 Springhill Drive paint was damaged. In the 6400 block Ivy Lane windows were broken on a 2006 blue Chrysler Town and Country in a domestic-related incident.



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On July 6, the Prince George’s County Council unanimously confirmed the appointment of Malik Aziz as Chief of Police for Prince George’s County, following a public hearing on the nomination. County Executive Angela Alsobrooks appointed Aziz as acting police chief in May after a national search.

## County Has Rent Help

Prince George’s County is offering rent relief because of Covid-19. The county’s 2021 Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) will help eligible applicants with payment assistance for rent and utilities. Landlords may also apply on behalf of their tenants. Applications will be accepted until funds are out. To apply and for more information visit [hcd.mypgc.us](http://hcd.mypgc.us) and click “Emergency Rental Assistance Program.”



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# Sports

## 15U, 18U Babe Ruth Teams Both End Season with Wins

by Matt Elliott



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Lincoln Beasley swings at a pitch.

Both Babe Ruth teams ended their seasons at Braden Field during the evening of Friday, July 9. Both games featured teams from Laurel challenging teams from Greenbelt. The opening game featured 15U (15 years old or younger) teams. The night cap featured 18U teams. A brief rainstorm ended a couple hours before the first game, but the damp conditions led to a late start as well as playing conditions that were sometimes challenging.

### Game One, 15U

In the first game, Greenbelt starting pitcher Alberto Weaver began perfectly, striking out Laurel's first three batters. Greenbelt's batters were not to be outdone, as they sent 12 batters to the plate in the bottom half of the first inning, scoring eight runs. Highlights of the inning were a double and run batted in by Ross Adams, another double by JJ Klopp scoring two runs, and singles by Weaver and Lincoln Beasley, sending one run each across home plate. Laurel plated a single run in the second inning, but Greenbelt matched it when Adams led off the inning with a single and stolen base, and brought home the run on a ground out. Laurel put up a three-spot in the top of the third inning, then held Greenbelt scoreless in the bottom half of the frame. The top of the fourth saw Laurel tighten the score with another run. However, the bottom of the fourth inning saw Greenbelt tally four more runs, led by Adams, who again started the inning with a single and stolen base. At that point, the

umpires ended the game because the time limit for the game had been reached. The final score was Greenbelt 13, Laurel 5. The 15U team's final record for the season was eight wins, six losses, and one tie.

### Game Two, 18U

Laurel opened the scoring in game two with three runs in the first inning. Greenbelt responded with five runs of its own, sending 10 batters to the plate. Highlights of the inning included run-scoring singles by Joe Kline, Antoine Franklin and AJ Rizzo. Laurel narrowed the lead to one in the second inning. In the third frame Laurel scored four to take an 8 to 5 lead. Greenbelt responded with three runs of their own to tie the score. The highlight of the inning was another run-scoring single by Franklin. Pitcher Matthew Baravechia, who pitched the complete game, held Laurel scoreless in the top of the fourth inning. Greenbelt's leadoff batter, Kline, started the bottom half of the inning with a single. After a stolen base, Kline came around to score on a beautifully executed sacrifice bunt by Logan Beasley. This made the score Greenbelt 9, Laurel 8 and proved to be the winning run when the game exceeded the time limit. After a rough start to the season, the 18U team bounced back to finish with a record of six wins and five losses.

While the regular Babe Ruth season has ended, several Greenbelt players have been named to the Prince George's All Star team. This team will be playing in a state tournament.

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in their first summer as counselors, while Dinah Cohen is a former Circus Camp enthusiast and Jerrold Joyner joins Carrion as an intern turned counselor. The familiarity of the staff has helped create, according to camp co-manager AJ Sesay, a "cozy atmosphere." Joyner added that, "Even though we have restrictions ... we can have fun." Sesay credits the smaller group sizes this summer for the even deeper social and emotional bonds that have already developed between campers and staff, despite the physical distancing mandates. Sesay's co-manager, Brittney Shue, seconds the positive atmosphere and finds it "refreshing to be with people" after months of Zoom fatigue.

Camp Pine Tree campers frolic across Braden Field or the basketball court adjacent to the Youth Center each morning learning the basic tenets and traditions of summer camp from counselors who not too long ago were in their shoes. Campers have already begun perfecting their friendship bracelet craftsmanship and anticipate the exhilaration of the next Australian Escape game. Though campers haven't had the chance to learn the mysteries of the North Atlantic freshwater seahorse and the among-along camp tales they will learn by the time they reach Camp YOGO, the sense of summer camp excitement is as palpable as the humidity that is always a reminder of summer camp in Greenbelt.



PHOTO BY BRITTNEY SHUE

Counselor Angelina Sutton watches as from left, Eli Kornbluth, Braylon Goldman, and Raphael Galinsky-Kramer participate during another day at Camp Pine Tree.



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A Green Heron chills on a log at the Lake.

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The DSP includes 750 multi-family dwelling units, a 92 room hotel and a 27,000 square foot community recreation center.



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